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In re Patent Application of: David J. Steele, Ernest C. Bailey and  
Jody R. McGlothen  
Entitled: EXPANDING WELLBORE JUNCTION  
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This is a request for filing a divisional application, under 37 CFR §1.53(b), of pending prior application serial no. 10/137,611 filed on May 2, 2002 of David J. Steele, Ernest C. Bailey and Jody R. McGlothen entitled EXPANDING WELLBORE JUNCTION.

(XX) Enclosed are 44 pages of specification, including claims, 6 sheets of drawings (FIGS. 1-10), a copy of the declaration filed in the prior application, a Preliminary Amendment and an Information Disclosure Statement.

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(XX) The prior application is assigned of record to Halliburton Energy Services, Inc.

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